SOUTH CAROLINA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION STANDING HEARING OFFICER DIRECTIVE

DOCKET NO. 2017-138-E Order No. 2017-31-H

MAY 15, 2017

Standing Hearing Officer: David Butler

DOCKET DESCRIPTION:

Petition of the Office of Regulatory Staff to Revoke Confidential Treatment of the Engineering, Procurement, and Construction Contract and Pricing Information for the Construction of the Two Nuclear Units Near Jenkinsville, South Carolina

MATTER UNDER CONSIDERATION:

Outline of Further Procedure for the Docket

STANDING HEARING OFFICER'S ACTION:

The Office of Regulatory Staff ("ORS") filed its petition in this Docket pursuant to 10 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 103-825. Pursuant to SC Code Ann. Sections 58-27-40 and 58-27-1950, the Public Service Commission of South Carolina ("PSC") issued a 30 day notice to South Carolina Electric & Gas Company ("SCE&G"). SCE&G has filed an answer indicating that it does not object to the relief sought, but that Westinghouse Electric Company, LLC ("Westinghouse") is the owner of the information, and is the entity that has designated it as confidential and proprietary. At least as early as May 1, Westinghouse was made aware of the petition and SCE&G's non-opposition to it. However, as of that date, SCE&G had not been informed by Westinghouse as to whether it would take any action in response to ORS's petition.

As of today's date, Westinghouse has still not made its position, if any, known to the PSC. Having been on notice of the petition for at least the past two weeks, it is appropriate for the PSC to give Westinghouse an abbreviated response deadline. Therefore, Westinghouse shall have until Thursday, May 18, 2017, to both make an appearance in this docket and communicate its position in regard to the ORS petition.

The Commission shall consider the ORS petition pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. Section 58-27-2130. If Westinghouse timely appears and opposes the ORS petition, then pursuant to the Administrative Procedures Act 30 day hearing notice requirement, a hearing on the matter will be held on Monday, June 19, 2017 at a time to be determined. Absent an appearance and response by Westinghouse by the deadline set above, the Commission will consider the matter at its weekly business meeting on May 24, 2017.